

RESOLUTION NO. 101
Living Legend: Sadie Parson

WHEREAS, Ms. Sadie Parson will be honored by friends and relatives on the occasion of The Living Legend Award Ceremony September 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Sadie has been care-giving since before arriving in St. Louis in 1942 by bus as a 10-year-old; she was entrusted to care for her 3-year-old sister as they left West Point, Mississippi, to join their family for a better life in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, she became the wife of James Clinton Parson, a United States Marine who served in the Korean War, in 1954; and they remained married for 60 years until his death in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sadie and James were blessed in 1963 with eight small children at once, becoming their legal guardians, following the death of Sadie's sister, Ruth; Sadie and James, though new to this experience, sacrificed unselfishly to take on this great responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Sadie was a diligent new mother, as she greatly accepted taking on this whole new way of life; she never once complained nor acted as if these children were burdensome; there were hard times endured while going through the 1960s and 1970s, but despite this, in the 1980s, Sadie and James also became the legal guardians of three grandchildren, raising them to adulthood as well; and

WHEREAS, Sadie is a proud matriarch of four generations; throughout these years, she has been sought out for her experience and knowledge within her community, family, and friends; she has been a lifeline for so many; over the years she worked for Bussman Fuse Company for 25 years to help provide and care of her family; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring from North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC), she continued to care for others working as a care-giver until her present age of 84.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to thank Ms. Sadie Parson for her years of service to our community and our world. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 3rd day of September, 2016, by:

The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted the 3rd day of September, 2016, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen